

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 76-47Introduced by Council President Freeman and Councilman CooperLegislative Day No. 76-15 Date: May 11, 1976

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article III of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, "EXECUTIVE BRANCH", subtitled, "EXECUTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES", by repealing and re-enacting Section 302, heading, "EXECUTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES", to ensure that executive powers and duties enumerated in other sections of the Charter to be performed by other officers, employees, boards and commissions are legally upheld by providing specifically that their functions may be stated elsewhere in the Charter; to provide generally for the powers, duties and responsibilities of the County Executive; and to further provide for the submitting of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for the adoption or rejection.

By the Council, May 11, 1976

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: June 8, 1976at: 7:00 p.m.By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on June 8, 1976 and concluded on June 8, 1976.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that Article III, Section 302 of the Charter of
3 Harford County, Maryland, titled, "EXECUTIVE BRANCH", subtitled,
4 "EXECUTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES", be, and it is hereby repealed
5 and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Section 302. EXECUTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES.

7 Except as otherwise provided for by other provisions
8 of this Charter, all executive power vested in Harford County by
9 the Constitution and laws of Maryland and this Charter shall
10 be vested in the County Executive, who shall be the chief
11 executive officer of the County, and who shall faithfully execute
12 the laws. He shall devote his full time to the duties of his
13 office. The duties and responsibilities of the County
14 Executive shall include, but not be limited to: (1) preparing
15 and submitting to the Council the annual County budget in the
16 manner and form provided in Article V of this Charter; (2)
17 preparing and submitting to the Council and the public, within
18 four (4) months after the close of the fiscal year, an annual
19 report on the activities and accomplishments of the County
20 Government, including a detailed financial statement; (3)
21 providing the Council with any information concerning the
22 Executive Branch which the Council may require for the exercise
23 of its powers; (4) recommending to the Council such measures
24 for legislative action as he may deem to be in the best interests
25 of the County; (5) insuring that County funds in excess of those
26 required for immediate needs are invested in the best interests
27 of the County; (6) signing or causing to be signed on the County's
28 behalf all deeds, contracts and other instruments; (7) seeing
29 that the affairs of the Executive Branch are properly and
30 efficiently administered, and that employees of the Executive
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1 Branch faithfully perform their duties; and (8) providing the
2 Council with such space, facilities and support as the Council
3 may require for the exercise and performance of its duties,
4 powers and functions.

5 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that before this Act
6 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum
7 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance
8 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at
9 the General Election to be held in November of 1976. There shall
10 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this
11 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on
12 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
13 words, "For _____", and a corresponding square or box to the
14 right of and opposite the words, "Against _____", so that each
15 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or
16 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes
17 cast in the election are "For _____", the provisions of this
18 Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th)
19 day following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast
20 in the election are "Against _____", the provisions of this Act
21 shall be of no effect and null and void.

22 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
23 provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of
24 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act is
25 declared to be an Emergency Act necessary to protect the health,
26 safety and general welfare of the citizens of Harford County
27 by ensuring that the executive powers and duties enumerated
28 in other sections of the Charter that are to be performed by
29 other officers, employees, boards and commissions are legally
30 upheld, and by providing the County Council, in a timely manner,
31 with sufficient and efficient space, facilities and support
32 necessary for them to exercise their required duties, powers and
33 functions.

EFFECTIVE:

BY THE COUNCIL

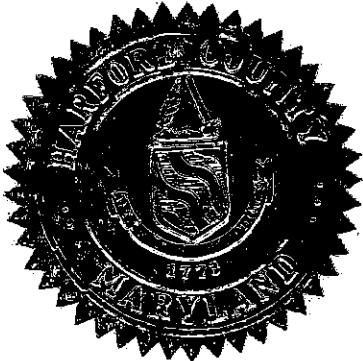
Read the third time.

Passed June 29, 1976 ~~With amendments~~
~~Failed of Passage~~

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
 for his approval this 30th day of June, 1976
 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

County Executive

Date

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one (21) days of its presentation, becomes law on July 22, 1976, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski
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 Secretary of the Council

THIS ACT, HAVING FAILED APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS OF HARFORD COUNTY, VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT (QUESTION D) TO THE CHARTER OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976, STANDS INEFFECTIVE.

Angela Markowski
 Secretary of the Council

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ENROLLMENT OF BILL

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 76-47

(Brief Title) Charter Amendment - Executive
Powers and Duties

Passed by the Council LSD 76-22

June 29, 1976

Approved by County Executive Neither approval nor
disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one
(21) days of presentation. (Became law July 22,
1976.)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LAW Subject to the provisions of
Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill, DECEMBER
3, 1976.

is herewith submitted to the County Council of
Harford County for enrollment as being the text
as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

July 22, 1976
Date

Angela Markowski
Secretary of the Council

ENROLLED

July 22, 1976
Date

[Signature]
President, Harford County Council

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